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To Senator Gerrantana and Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee.

From: ECHO (Ecological Health Organization, Inc.). Carolyn Wysocki President

As President of the Ecological Health Organization for people who have MCS (Multiple Chemical Sydrome,) and in our efforts to prevent others from getting sick from chemicals, we support Senate Bil 1274, An Act Concerning Chemicals of High Concern to Children.

This legislation is another step forward in preventing children from being exposed to toxic chemicals and its ill health effects, and to chemical reform in Connecticut.

ECHO is a statewide nonprofit, advocacy, support, education and referral organization for people with Multiple Chemical Syndromne (MCS). As you may know, MCS is caused by repeated low level exposures to toxic chemicals, or it can be caused by a single exposure to one chemical. It is a chronic condition usually involving the central nervous system and other organ systems of the body. Symptoms of MCS include chronic fatigue, muscle and joint pain, rashes, asthma, short-term memory loss and lack of concentration, digestive and neurological problems. People with MCS develop an increased reaction to common chemicals such as perfume, fabric softeners, formaldehyde, paints, tobacco and wood smoke, pesticides and petroleum-based products.

People with MCS have experience the health effects of toxic chemicals and we work deligently to prevent others from becoming ill and advocate for the passage of SB 1274.

Thank you for your consideration of our support.

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